



Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990

- Requires institutions to publish and distribute an annual report that describes:
 - Security and law enforcement policies
 - Crime prevention activities
 - Procedures for reporting crimes
 - Certain crime statistics

Federal Campus Crime Reporting Requirements

- # of occurrences of crime
- Current policies and procedures re: reporting
- Policies re: security of campus
- Policies re: authority of campus police and relationship with other law enforcement

Federal Campus Crime Reporting Requirements (cont.)

- Descriptions of student information, prevention and security programs
- Policies re: monitoring of students' criminal activities off-campus
- Policy re: possession, use or sale of alcohol and other drugs

State Laws

- New Jersey "Campus Sexual Assault Bill of Rights" Act.
- New York Campus Safety Act

Victim Advocacy through Campus Violence Civil Litigation

- Civil litigation emerged in the 1980s as a legal strategy to address the problem of campus crime.
- Civil cases have been filed against universities, their administrators and trustees.
- Generally, cases have alleged negligence and gross negligence.

NCJA Barriers to Reporting Campus Crimes

- Lack of clarity re: definitions of "campus"
- Jurisdictional issues related to response and interventions
- Campus culture
- Lack of understanding about how to report

NCJA Barriers to Reporting Campus Crimes (cont.)

- Fear of retaliation
- Students' fears about telling their parents

Why Campus Crime is Not Reported

- Thought reporting would do no good
- Thought would not be believed
- Did not know to whom to report offense
- Felt embarrassed
- Blamed themselves
- Told nobody about the incident

Improved Treatment of Crime Victims

- Emergency services
- Advocacy and support
- Counseling and long-term support
- Coordinating case management

Improved Treatment of Crime Victims (cont.)

- Increased resources that improve security
- Improved relationships between campus police and other law enforcement
- On-campus victim assistance programs
- Improved relationships with off-campus victim assistance programs

Crime Prevention

- Information is power!
- Awareness of crime can make people on campus take precautions and enhance personal safety
- Parents and students can make *informed choices* about schools and housing options

Crime Prevention: Policies and Practices (cont.)

- Lighting
- Emergency phone systems
- Shuttle services
- Escort services for evening hours
- Locked dormitory doors
- Controlled access to buildings
- Crime watch programs
- 24-hour security